

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 797

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION recognizing Rosella Eugene Dykes Faulk on the celebration of her eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in our deliberations to recognize those sterling citizens of this State who are celebrating noteworthy occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Rosella Eugene Dykes Faulk is one such individual who, on March 23 of this year, will celebrate her eightieth birthday, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a woman of tremendous grace and beauty who embodies the best of her community, Mrs. Faulk lives by time-honored values and principals instilled in her as a child by her parents, Carson Dykes and Lurlie Jones Dykes; and

WHEREAS, hailing from an old and esteemed family in Hawkins County, Mrs. Faulk is a highly respected member of her community who works assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, having a deep appreciation for the value of education, each morning on her way to school, Mrs. Faulk climbed Short Mountain and Alec Mountain with her books and an oil

lantern to light her way to the bus stop; her determination and perseverance were rewarded when she graduated from Church Hill High School in 1948, becoming the first person in her family to earn a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, wholly dedicated to the highest tenets of family values, Mrs. Faulk, with her beloved husband, Loy Glade Faulk, who predeceased her, proudly raised three children, Michael Anthony Faulk, Gregory David Faulk, and Glata Kathy Faulk King; and

WHEREAS, as well as raising three children, Rosella Faulk served with the utmost integrity and probity for a number of companies, including Tennessee Eastman Company, Dairy Hart, Harper and Ladd Grocery, Kingsport Press, Belk, and Proffitt's Department Store, in which positions she earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and employers for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, Rosella Faulk volunteered her time and energies to a number of civic organizations, including dedicating her exceptional skills and kind-hearted compassion to the Church Hill Rescue Squad Crewettes as an officer; and

WHEREAS, as a devoted member of Belvue Christian Church, Mrs. Faulk is known for her solid Christian belief, her service and love, and her role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of her community; and

WHEREAS, on this momentous occasion in Mrs. Faulk's life, she will be joined in celebration by her loving family members, including her seven grandchildren, Miko Faulk, Katy Faulk, Andy Faulk, Ashley King Penley, Mike Faulk, Alex King, and Michelle Faulk, along with a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her ninth decade, Rosella Faulk is still an active and productive member of society, dedicating her time and talents to her many interests and hobbies, especially quilting and genealogy; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Rosella Eugene Dykes Faulk on the celebration of eightieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.